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COCO OUTLETS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Sector petroleum companies are running retail outlets of their products on 'Company Owned Company Operated' basis in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the number thereof, PSU-wise and

(c) the reasons for running these outlets by the companies themselves instead of allotting them to dealers?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) Yes, Sir. The public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs), viz., Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited(BPC) and IBP Co. Limited(IBP), are operating some of their retail outlets on a Company-Owned-Company-Operated (COCO) basis in various parts of the country.

(b) As on the 1st March, 2005, these OMCs had 1,298 retail outlets operated on a COCO basis in various parts of the country. The OMC-wise break-up was as under:-

IOC - 297 nos.
HPC - 357 nos.
BPC - 215 nos.
IBP - 429 nos.

Total - 1,298 nos.

(c) The following categories of retail outlets are operated on COCO basis:-

(i) Jubilee Retail Outlets/Flagship retail outlets, which OMCs plan to run permanently on a COCO basis.

(ii) Company-owned ('A' site) retail outlets, where the original dealership has been terminated and the new dealer is yet to be appointed, or where facilities have been installed but a regular dealer is yet to be appointed.